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**SENATE BILL 6040**

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**By** Senators Braun, Becker, and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to the budgeting process for certain state waiver  
2 services for individuals with developmental disabilities; amending  
3 RCW 43.88C.010; and adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2019 c 406 s 24 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
8 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
9 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of  
10 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
11 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from  
12 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other  
13 officers as the members deem necessary.

14 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to  
15 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this  
16 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

17 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of  
18 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
19 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
20 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
21 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by

1 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
2 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes  
3 of this section.

4 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation  
5 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
6 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
7 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
8 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
9 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved  
10 by the council.

11 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
12 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
13 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on  
14 assumptions specified by the member.

15 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
16 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
17 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the  
18 council or on official business authorized by the council.  
19 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel  
20 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

21 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

22 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement  
23 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,  
24 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
25 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common  
26 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
27 adoption support;

28 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
29 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an  
30 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

31 (c) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
32 college grant program under RCW 28B.92.200 and 28B.92.205 and are  
33 expected to attend an institution of higher education as defined in  
34 RCW 28B.92.030; and

35 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW  
36 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually  
37 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

38 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary  
39 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care  
40 programs as a courtesy.

1       (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the individual  
2 and family services waiver and the basic plus waiver administered by  
3 the developmental disabilities administration as a courtesy.

4       (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth  
5 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW  
6 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster  
7 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

8       (~~(10)~~) (11) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the  
9 number of youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation  
10 services while involved in the foster care system and the number of  
11 screened in reports of child abuse or neglect.

12       (~~(11)~~) (12) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
13 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

14       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.88  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16       For the purposes of this chapter, expenditures for the individual  
17 and family services waiver and the basic plus waiver as referenced in  
18 RCW 43.88C.010 must be forecasted and budgeted as maintenance level  
19 costs.

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